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PolOff delivered Reftel demarche to Thomas Adoumasse, Director of International Organizations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on January 23, 2008. Mr. Adoumasse stated that he could not immediately offer a formal declaration of support for Ambassador Swift. He did indicate, informally, that the GOB planned to support Ambassador Swift's candidacy. Though it did not present a problem for Benin, Mr. Adoumasse stated that the U.S. should be ready to respond to those who question the succession of one American by another American to the post of Director General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

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